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Two versions of the reasons for Communist charges against Tiang Sirikhan* in 1933 are as follows:

- a. Either the Commissioner or the Education Officer of Udon Province, because of political enmity, framed the charges against Tiang, Phan Kaommat, and another former teacher at Udon who is now a writer for Lok Mai.
- b. The Commissioner of Udon was informed that Tiang and the other two teachers were engaging in Communist activity. The Commissioner's staff searched the men and found Communist leaflets in their possession, whereupon they were arrested and placed in custody at the Bangkok Police Station. After a few weeks in custody, Tiang and his companions were released, charges were not pressed, and they were re-instated in their positions with the Ministry of Education; however they were assigned to new areas.

* See

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